



## A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE

RELATING TO THE KEEPING OF ANIMALS.

BE IT ORDAINED by the People of the City and County of Honolulu:

SECTION 1. Purpose. The purpose of this ordinance is to promote food sustainability, provide standards for the keeping of animals, and increase the number of chicken hens that may be kept.

SECTION 2. Section 7-2.5, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 1990, as amended, is amended to read as follows:

**"Sec. 7-2.5 Special requirements.**

- (a) Farm animals. Enclosures for farm animals shall not be located within 300 feet of any property line.
- (b) Honeybees. There shall be no more than eight honeybee hives per zoning lot and the keeping of honeybees shall be in accordance with the following:
  - (1) Colonies shall be maintained in movable frame hives, constructed to meet the specifications for "beehives" set by the American Beekeepers Federation;
  - (2) Hives shall be properly shaded from adjacent night lighting on adjoining properties;
  - (3) Hives shall not be located within 25 feet of any property line, public street, sidewalk or alley except:
    - (A) When situated behind a solid fence or hedge at least six feet in height, parallel to the property line, and extending at least 15 feet beyond the hive in both directions, or
    - (B) When located at least eight feet or more above adjacent ground level.
- (c) Dogs. The number, four months of age or older, shall not exceed 10 per household.



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- (d) Chickens and peafowl. The number of chickens [or] kept shall not exceed seven per dwelling unit, including no more than one rooster, [peafowl shall not exceed two per household] and the keeping of peafowl shall be prohibited.
- (1) Non-commercial use only. Chickens shall be kept for personal use only and no person keeping chickens pursuant to this article shall sell eggs or engage in chicken breeding or fertilizer production for commercial purposes;
- (2) Enclosures. Chickens shall be kept in an enclosure or fenced area no closer than 25 feet from any residential structure other than that of their owner, custodian or keeper;
- (3) Odor and noise impacts. It shall be unlawful for the owner, custodian, or keeper of any chicken to allow the chicken(s) to be a nuisance to other occupants of the zoning lot on which the chickens are kept or the occupants of any adjacent zoning lot, including but not limited to, emissions of noxious odors from the chickens or their enclosure, and animal nuisance as defined in Section 7-2.2."

SECTION 3. Ordinance material to be repealed is bracketed. New ordinance material is underscored. When revising, compiling or printing this ordinance for inclusion in the Revised Ordinances of Honolulu, the revisor of ordinances need not include the brackets, the bracketed material or the underscoring.



**CITY COUNCIL**  
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SECTION 4. This ordinance shall take effect upon its approval.

INTRODUCED BY:

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DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

**JAN 17 2013**

Honolulu, Hawaii

Councilmembers

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

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Deputy Corporation Counsel

APPROVED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

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KIRK CALDWELL, Mayor  
City and County of Honolulu

**FILED**  
**JAN 17 2015**  
PURSUANT TO ROH Sec. 1-2.4